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SUBJ: ECOSOC 55-ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA

REF: GENEVA 3646

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY INFORM GOL OF STATE OF
PLAY AND SHARPLY DIVIDED SETTING WITHIN ECOSOC CONCERNING
LEBANESE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC COM-
MISSION FOR WEST ASIA AS CONTAINED REFTEL AND PREVIOUS
MESSAGES.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE TO GOL THAT WE WISH TO AVOID
CONFRONTATION WITH LEBANESE ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT WE STILL
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CONSIDER POSTPONEMENT AS THE BEST SOLUTION UNDER PRESENT

CIRCUMSTANCES, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF UPCOMING UNSC CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE EAST WHICH COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON LEBANESE PROPOSAL.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS TO GOL IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO STRONG LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS ARGUING AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A COMMISSION (EMBASSY CAN DRAW ON ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN STATE 135553). YOU MAY ALSO MAKE GOL AWARE THAT WE SHALL BE OBLIGED AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE TO VOTE AGAINST PROPOSAL IF ISSUE IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE GOL TO MODIFY ITS POSITION AND WITHDRAW DRAFT RES. RUSH

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